

HOUSE BILL 1969

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 120 and Title 71, Chapter 3, relative to  
carbon monoxide alarms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 3, Part 5, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

(a) As used in this section, "approved carbon monoxide alarm":

(1) Means:

(A) A device that detects the presence of carbon monoxide gas  
and is listed by a nationally recognized testing laboratory approved by the  
federal occupational safety and health administration to test and certify to  
American National Standards Institute/Underwriters Laboratories  
Standards ANSI/UL2034 or ANSI/UL2075; and

(B) Is wired directly to the building's power supply, powered by a  
self-monitored battery, or operated with a plug-in outlet fitted with a plug  
restrainer device if the outlet is not controlled by any switch other than the  
main power supply; and

(2) Includes a combination carbon monoxide alarm and smoke detector if  
the device:

(A) Complies with ANSI/UL2034 or ANSI/UL2075 for carbon  
monoxide alarms and ANSI/UL217 for smoke detectors; and

(B) Emits an alarm in a manner that clearly differentiates between  
detecting the presence of carbon monoxide and the presence of smoke.

(b) The department shall require the installation of an approved carbon monoxide alarm in each child care agency. The carbon monoxide alarms must:

(1) Be installed in each room in which care is provided to children; and

(2) Be installed in accordance with either the standards of the National Fire Protection Association or the manufacturer's directions, unless the standards or directions conflict with applicable law.

(c) The department shall require that:

(1) For a child care agency that is in operation on July 1, 2024, the carbon monoxide alarms be installed in accordance with subsection (b) no later than September 30, 2024; and

(2) For a new child care agency that begins operating on or after July 1, 2024, the carbon monoxide alarms be installed prior to the first day that child care is provided to children on the premises of the child care agency.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.